

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, July 8, 2014
5:00 p.m.

BOS PRESENT:

Robert Henderson, Jr.
Mark E. Roberts
Edward F. Gorham

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
Art Forand, Public Works
Dan Nadeau, contractor
Janet M. Richards, Tax Collector

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion was had about the Gardiner Library e-mail/letter stating that Gardiner City Council has voted in favor of a 3-year moratorium on issuing any new nonresident library cards. This is in reaction to the Town of Randolph considering paying for the library in a different manner than we have in the past. This was felt to be a cost saving matter to the Town. This in essence will make the “pay as you go” not an option for the town.

Mark checked with the Lithgow Library in Augusta and they said they would issue library cards for \$15 per month per household and they also use the Minerva system which means they could get any book from other library sources if they did not have that particular book in their library. The cost of \$60 per year is cheaper than the \$65 per year quoted by Gardiner. The actions of the Gardiner Library and the City Council have now made it impossible for Randolph residents to get new library cards from them.

Doug Coutts came to the meeting at the request of the Board. Doug has been doing the **roadside mowing** for the town for many years but now the Board has asked him to purchase insurance before doing any work. Doug said that he really did not think he would be interested in doing the work if he had to purchase insurance as it is a fairly small job. Mark mentioned that he possibly could purchase the insurance and incorporate the costs into his bill. Doug will get back to the Board with his decision. Doug left the meeting.

Bob Henderson made a motion to accept the **minutes** of the June 24, 2014 meeting. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Art gave the Board members a report of work done at 29 McLaughlin Terrace. Patricia Putnam, who lives here asked for a report of what was done. Art crafted a report and gave it to the Board.

Art Forand and Dan Nadeau addressed the Board about **serious problems with Kinderhook Street**. There is a sink hole in front of Chris Coughlan’s house along with the dips all the way down the street. Art said this is undermining the road. They checked manholes, drains, ditches etc., and found many problems. They used dye in places and could not determine where the water went. Art suggests that the road will need to be fixed. It was thought that this should be an article on the warrant for town meeting and the agreed on amount was \$25,000.00. This will be part of the warrant. On Thursday evening, Art, Dan Nadeau, and the Board will meet at the town office with one of the fire trucks, close off Kinderhook to all but local traffic and put some water down the drains and see what happens. Ron Cunningham will be contacted to get a fire truck and a firefighter to help with this. After this is done, it will have to be determined what should be done to remedy the problems before they get any worse.

Janet came into the meeting to discuss some of the town meeting **warrant articles** with the Board. It was decided at this point to make this repair a separate article on the warrant and not part of the public works roads budget. At 6:00 p.m. Art and Dan left the meeting.

Some of the articles needed clarification by the Board. The changes or revisions will be made, reviewed by the Board on Thursday night and the final draft of the Warrant will be signed. They will meet at the Town Office on Thursday night, review and sign the warrant and then do an inspection of Kinderhook Street.

Before adjourning the meeting, Marge Gilman asked to be recognized so that she could publicly state that she was very pleased with Art Forand's work on behalf of the Town on their ditch and other issues.

Bob made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting, Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m. Next meeting is set for Thursday night, July 10, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of finalizing the town meeting warrant and inspection of problems on Kinderhook Street. Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 15, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk